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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FOSTERING IMMERSIVE READING OF  
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS

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Examiner: M. T. Tran

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

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Sir:

The Examiner, in the Reasons for Allowance, offers a generic statement as to why the claims of the present invention are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the prior art does not disclose or teach the features listed by the Examiner, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the claims as a whole, including the various interrelationships and interconnections between the various claimed elements, which are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

Moreover, each claim should be considered separately as a whole as being allowable over the prior art of record. For example, while Examiner has provided the same reasons for allowance for all of the independent claims, claim 33 does not require the interactive region to be in proximity with a displayed page number, nor does claim 33 require the interactive region to include an area to the right of the page number and an area to the left of the page number. Instead, claim 33 recites that the interactive region is in proximity with a *displayed element* of

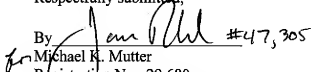
the immersive reading page, and includes an area to the right of the *element* and an area to the left of the *element*. Therefore, each claim should be separately considered and should not be limited by elements mentioned by the Examiner, but not present in the claims.

Thus, Applicants respectfully emphasize that each claim should be considered separately as a whole, taking into consideration the various interrelationships and interconnections between the various claim elements, and should be interpreted on its specific claim language and other appropriate parameters.

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